

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for rendering media content comprising:
 - a first platform for storing media content at a subscriber location, wherein the media content comprises an unrenderable state due to digital rights associated with the content when received by the first platform;
 - a second platform at the subscriber location communicatively coupled with the first platform for rendering the stored media content;
 - a discovery service provided on the first or second platform operable to search for stored media content and to download content based on a content profile;
 - the first and second platforms cooperatively providing an interface for purchasing a right to render the stored media content at least one time; and
 - at least one of the first platform and the second platform being operable to convert the stored media content to a renderable state upon the purchase of the right to render.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising:
 - a distribution server connected to at least one of the first and second platforms and to at least one content source, the distribution server being operable to receive requests for content and to responsively retrieve content from the content sources.
3. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising:
 - a distribution server connected to at least one of the first and second platforms and to at least one content source, the distribution server being operable to track the usage of the content.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising:

a distribution server connected to at least one of the first and second platforms and to at least one content source, the distribution server being operable to track the payment of the content.
5. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising:

a distribution server connected to at least one of the first and second platforms and to at least one content source, the distribution server being operable to track the commerce of the content.
6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the first platform comprises a digital video recorder device that includes a storage device for storing the media content.
7. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the storage device comprises a hard disk drive.
8. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the first platform comprises a personal computer that includes a storage device for storing the media content.
9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the storage device comprises an optical storage device.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the optical storage device comprises a digital versatile disk (DVD) drive.

11. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the unrenderable state comprises a first level of encryption that protects the media content from unauthorized rendering.

12. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein the media content is contained in a broadcast signal and the unrenderable state comprises a second level of encryption that protects the media content from unauthorized reception and storage.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the broadcast is one of an over-the-air broadcast, a cable broadcast, an Internet broadcast and a satellite broadcast.

14. – 36. (Withdrawn)

37. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the media content is stored on the first platform in a compressed format.

38. (Original) The system of claim 37, wherein the compressed format comprises a format in accordance with one of the MPEG-1 standard, the MPEG-2 standard and the MPEG-4 standard.

39. (Original) The system of claim 38, wherein the compressed format comprises a compressed audio format in accordance with layer 3 of the MPEG-1 standard.

40. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the first platform comprises:

a digital video recorder having a storage device for retaining, at least a portion, of the media content;

a personal computer operatively coupled with the digital video recorder, wherein the personal computer provides for:

the purchase of the right to render the media content;

management of rendering of the media content including:

enforcing digital rights associated with the media content; and

controlling rendering of the media content in correspondence with terms of the purchase.

41. – 44. (Withdrawn)

45. (Cancelled)

46. – 83. (Withdrawn)